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Melbourne Cup Lunch

I was extremely disappointed I wasn't able to enjoy the fabulous Melbourne Cup Lunch held at the Club, as I was returning from Perth after a week's holiday to attend a good friend's wedding. Everyone I spoke to thoroughly enjoyed themselves and had a lot of fun. I would like to especially thank Frank and Joy Matus for all their hard work in making the day such a success, and of course to all the other helpers there on the day. Almost **\$2,000** was raised on the day and this couldn't have been achieved without our very generous sponsors:

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Please give our sponsors your support whenever possible to enable them to continue with their support of our Club.



Congratulations to the suave looking guy with his arm around Evonne Cawley, Ed Van Dijk, who won a prize for best dressed gentlemen and the lady with the gorgeous hat, Tanya Hain, who won best dressed lady. Rainer Wilschke very generously donated \$50 towards the prize for both these winners. Also, a huge thanks to Murray Sobels who was the lucky winner of the Calcutta as he donated \$100 of his winnings back to the Club.

Dave McMahon's cousin, Nathan Isles, who is running Noosa Tennis Accademy whilst Dave and his family take a well deserved holiday overseas, took control of the bar and kept the drinks flowing, good work Nathan.

Ladies Mid Week and Friday Competitions

At the end of last season I reported our three ladies teams reached the Finals, but unfortunately none were able to win on the Big day - the Grand Final. This season I am very happy to report a different story - so far anyway! Last Friday the Ladies team of Lynda Harney, Jude Holzer, Sue Pierce, Sandra Kennedy and Lynne Morton won their Grand Final! The team ended on top at the end of the rounds and went on to win their semi and go straight through to the Grand Final. Needless to say the Peregian Pub got a visit on the way home, where a couple of bottles of bubbly were happily consumed. The Grand Final for the mid week comp is next Wednesday 3 December, so let's hope the other two teams are successful and call in to the Pub on the way home for a celebration (not commiseration!)



Club Membership

It's great to be able to report that since the beginning of the year we have welcomed 73 new members to the club. I'm sure they are all enjoying playing tennis at our fantastic facility and will continue to be members in the coming years.

To further promote the club to the community and get more people involved in playing tennis, your committee is planning to hold an Open Day, either late February or early March. This will be a great fun, family day, so watch out for further details early in the New Year.



TENNIS DIRECTOR'S NEWS

Sunday Social Tennis

Since the last newsletter in September we have had a further 2 Social Sunday tennis activities. The numbers participating have been relatively small but sufficient to make the events viable. I think everyone who has participated in these events has enjoyed the opportunity to play with new / different players than they might otherwise have the opportunity to play with. As the events are easy and simple to set up I am keen to continue this activity on the 3rd Sunday of every month. Anyone interested in coming along should try and be at the courts by 9.00 am and the plan is to finish around 12.00. However, the flexible format enables someone to turn up late or leave early without upsetting the arrangements. Despite the close proximity to Christmas we still plan on gathering on **Sunday 21 December** for a hit. If there is sufficient interest we could finish off the morning with a BBQ and a few Christmas drinks. I would need to get some idea in advance of interest if the BBQ was to proceed. My thoughts are that people bring their own meat for cooking and maybe we could provide some salads / onions / bread.

Wet Weather

The recent rains have played havoc with many of our tennis activities – or has it only been on the days / nights when I play?? I know we need the rain but just wish it would fall between 11.00pm and 6.00am; that's not too much to ask!

If it has disrupted your tennis plans then don't lose heart. Because the weather can often be very localised it is always wise to check with a phone call if you are not sure if play is still on or not. There is no perfect system to alert all players when to cancel or come and I know there are occasions when some people are inconvenienced by travelling for 20–30 minutes to the courts only to find tennis is cancelled and they haven't been aware.

Court Behaviour

There have been a small number of incidents that I have been made aware of where some players have caused offence to others by their behaviour on the court. Quite often their frustration and anger is directed at themselves but nonetheless the whole atmosphere is often negatively impacted for all those in the immediate vicinity.

There is no place at our club for loud and inappropriate swearing, criticizing others' play, throwing racquets and other unsportsman like actions. I seek everyone's support in redressing any trend in this direction. A quiet and constructive comment to the offender is often all that is required to stop something escalating.

John Fergusson

FINAL REMINDER

If you haven't already done so, please pay your 2009 membership subscription and Tennis Queensland registration fee before the end of December. Refer to your 2009 Membership Invoice (posted to you at the end of October) for the total Amount Due. Any member who has not paid by 31/12/08 will be required to pay a higher fee if renewing their membership after that date (as stated on the Invoice) and, in the event of any injury on court, will be **UNINSURED** under the TQ registered members' insurance policy

Thank you for your cooperation.

TREASURER WANTED

Our Treasurer for the last 3 years, Greg Crittle, who has done such a fantastic job, has decided not to stand for re-election in the coming year. We therefore will require a replacement Treasurer on the Committee. This is a little advance notice to anyone out there who would like to join the committee in this role. Knowledge of MYOB would be useful. If you are interested and would like more information, please email president@noosatennis.org.au or call Lynne Morton on 04 2094 1923

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AND THEIR FAMILIES

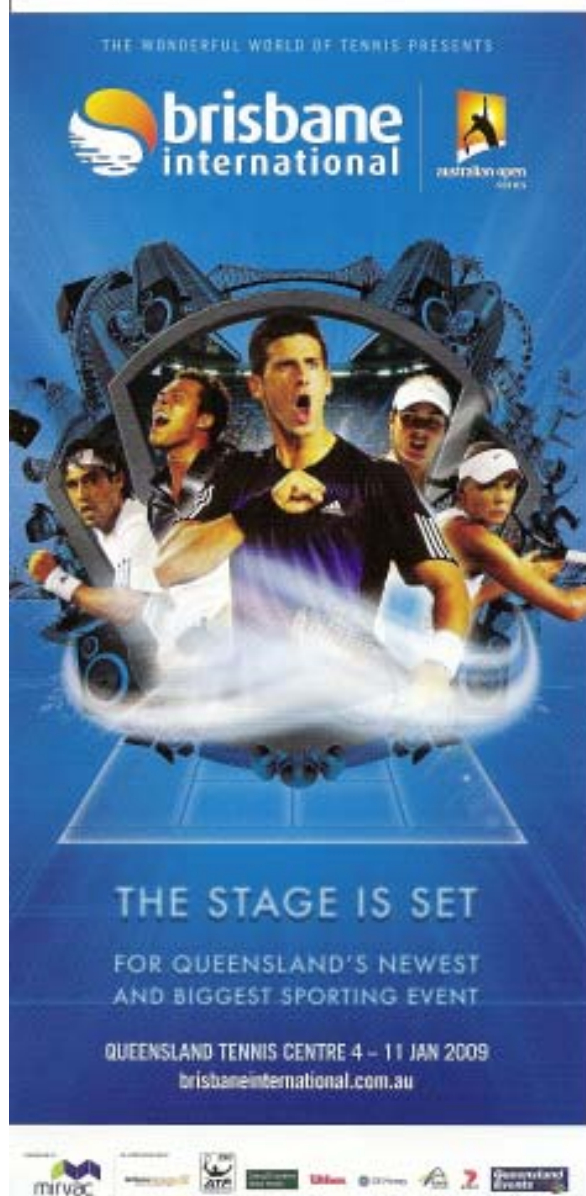


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Fri 2 Jan	Day	Free Entry	-	-	
		Free Entry	-	-	
Sat 3 Jan	Day	Free Entry	-	-	
		Free Entry	-	-	
Sun 4 Jan	Day	Adult	\$44.90	\$24.90	
		Concession	\$40.90	\$22.90	
Mon 5 Jan	Day	Adult	\$54.90	\$34.90	
		Concession	\$49.90	\$31.90	
	Night	Adult	\$54.90	\$34.90	
		Concession	\$49.90	\$31.90	
Tue 6 Jan	Day	Adult	\$59.90	\$39.90	
		Concession	\$53.90	\$35.90	
	Night	Adult	\$59.90	\$39.90	
		Concession	\$53.90	\$35.90	
Wed 7 Jan	Day	Adult	\$69.90	\$49.90	
		Concession	\$62.90	\$44.90	
	Night	Adult	\$69.90	\$49.90	
		Concession	\$62.90	\$44.90	
Thu 8 Jan	Day	Adult	\$79.90	\$59.90	
		Concession	\$71.90	\$53.90	
	Night	Adult	\$79.90	\$59.90	
		Concession	\$71.90	\$53.90	
Fri 9 Jan	Day	Adult	\$99.90	\$79.90	
		Concession	\$89.90	\$71.90	
	Womens Semifinal	Night	Adult	\$99.90	\$79.90
		Concession	\$89.90	\$71.90	
Sat 10 Jan	Mens Semifinal	Day	Adult	\$99.90	\$79.90
		Concession	\$89.90	\$71.90	
	Womens Final	Night	Adult	\$99.90	\$79.90
		Concession	\$89.90	\$71.90	
Sun 11 Jan	Mens Final	Twilight	Adult	\$99.90	\$79.90
		Concession	\$89.90	\$71.90	
	Mens/Womens Final's Package		Adult	\$179.90	\$143.90
			Concession	\$161.90	\$129.90
Ground Pass 4 - 11 January			\$9.90		
Ground Pass 4 Day Non Consecutive			\$35.00		

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The Tennis Player's Prayer

Please don't let me be so nervous
When I toss the ball for service.
Give me speed and strength unhalting,
Aces and no double-faulting.
Instill in me the skill and dash
Of Agassi, Williams, Roddick and Ashe.
When a high lob starts to fall,
Must I always miss the ball?
Lord, I know you could, I'm sure,
Find me a Tennis Elbow cure.
With the guidance from above,
Never let me fall in 'love.'
And, Lord, while on matters of this sort
Please let me find an open court!!





Thankfully, while Dave and the family lap up some R & R with the bushfires in California the place is still standing, despite the typical Sunshine State weather we have experienced over the last fortnight or so. Why couldn't all the rain be in Vic while I'm away?

Our coaching program continues to thrive and enrolments for term 1 and our holiday camps are starting to stream in. For those interested our camps run:

December 15th – 19th

January 5th – 9th
12th – 16th
19th – 23rd

With all camps running Monday to Friday, 9-12pm each day. For all enrolments or enquiries phone me, Nathan Isles, at the Club.

A reminder also that our pro shop is full of equipment and I'm on standby for any questions you may have in regards to racquets or our restringing facility. Always great Christmas presents for your young or older relatives.

Finally myself and Dave would like to wish everyone a very safe and merry Christmas and all the safety for those of you travelling over the summer period. From my point of view I love your club and the next chance I get to get away from my own business in Victoria I will be back. I've made a lot of new friends and am very glad that I have had the opportunity to be apart of your tennis community for the few months I'll be here.

Once again, merry Christmas from Nathan and all the crew at the Noosa Tennis Academy.

